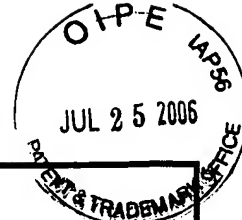


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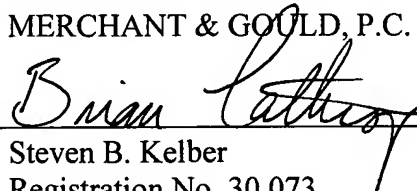
It is hereby requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in the above identified application from the Final Office Action, dated March 3, 2006, which extends the period for reply to August 3, 2006.

This Extension of time is being requested for the purpose of filing:

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- ☐ formal drawings.
  - ☐ (The Issue Fee due \_\_\_\_\_ has been timely filed.)
- ☐ a Notice of Appeal.
  - ☐ (A timely response to the Final Rejection due \_\_\_\_\_ has been filed.)
- ☐ an Appeal Brief.
- ☒ a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
- ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ The fee for a \_\_\_\_\_ -month extension of time has previously been paid on \_\_\_\_\_.

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